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SUBJ: PROTESTS DURING TANAKA VISIT PREDICTED

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1. SUMMARY: THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REPORTS DURING PAST FEW WEEKS THAT STUDENTS WILL STAGE ANTI-JAPANESE PROTESTS DURING PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S VISIT JANUARY 14-17. PROTESTS WILL PROBABLY OCCUR, BUT GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO KEEP THEM LIMITED IN SCALE. END SUMMARY

2. MOST RECENT EVIDENCE OF STUDENT PLANS IS STATEMENT BY UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA STUDENT COUNCIL LEADER MARRIMAN SIREGAR IN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN BERITA BUANA DECEMBER 26 THAT INDONESIAN STUDENTS OPPOSE TANAKA VISIT AND
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WILL LAUNCH PROTEST IF HE COMES.

3. WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS THREAT, GOI SPOKESMAN MASHURI TOLD PRESS DECEMBER 28 THAT INDONESIA WOULD GIVE TANAKA A FRIENDLY WELCOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASIAN CUSTOM OF HOSPITALITY TOWARD GUESTS.

4. LIM BIAN KIE, AIDE TO PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT ALI MURTOPO, PREDICTED TO DCM AND EMBOFFS DECEMBER 27 THAT THERE WILL BE MODEST ANTI-JAPANESE DEMONSTRATIONS DURING TANAKA VISIT BUT THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY INVOLVE NO MORE THAN TWENTY OR THIRTY YOUTHS.

4. ELSEWHERE ON ANTI-JAPANESE PROTEST FRONT, HUGE NEON TOYOTA SIGN ON TOP OF WISMA NUSANTARA, JAKARTA'S TALLEST BUILDING, HAS BEEN DISMANTLED, FOLLOWING DRAMATIC SCALING OF SIGN BY YOUTHS CARRYING INDONESIAN FLAG DECEMBER 10. (REFTEL). ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS DECEMBER 28, STUDENTS LATER RETURNED TO OFFICE OF NUSANTARA BUILDING MANAGER DEMANDING REMOVAL OF SANYO ADVERTISEMENT ON OTHER SIDE OF STRUCTURE. MAMAGER SAID SANYO SIGN WOULD ALSO COME DOWN, BUT COMPLAINED THAT LOCAL ADVERTISERS HAD BEEN OFFERED SPACE BEFORE JAPANESE LEASED IT, AND NONE WERE INTERESTED.

5. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT WILL MOST LIKELY TOLERATE SOME LIMITED PROTEST ACTIVITY DURING TANAKA VISIT AS MILD REMINDER OF ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT IN PINUJNSIA. HOWEVER, IT WILL PROBABLY TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT LARGE SCALE DEMONSTRATIONS THAT COULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE ATMOSPHERE OF VISIT AND CREATE SERIOUS DOUBTS AMONG JAPANESE CONCERNING BASIC INTEREST OF GOI IN GOOD RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND DESIRABILITY OF JAPANESE INVESTMENTS IN INDONESIA.
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